


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Attorney Docket No.	NOV 1000 CON1
First Inventor	Gilles Gosselin
Express Mail Label No.	EK566763090US

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Title **β-L-2'-Deoxy-Nucleosides for the Treatment of Hepatitis B**

Application Elements

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- ☒ Fee Transmittal Form
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- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27
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 - Descriptive title of the invention
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 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
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- ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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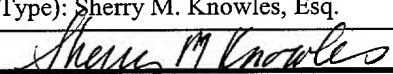
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Prior application information: Examiner: L. Eric Crane Group/Art Unit: 1623

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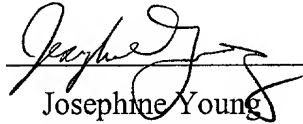
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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.10
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I hereby certify that this Request for filing a Continuation Application, Transmittal of Utility Patent Application, Utility Patent Application, Preliminary Amendment, and Fee Transmittal, along with any documents referred to as attached therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addresses" services under 37 CFR 1.10, Mailing Label Number EK566763090US addressed to Box PATENT APPLICATION; Commissioner for Patents; Washington, DC 20231.



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Continuation of U.S.S.N. 09/371,747

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For: β -L-2'-Deoxy-Nucleosides for the Treatment of Hepatitis B

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REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUATION APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.53(b)

Sir:

This is a request by Gilles Gosselin, Jean-Louis Imbach and Martin L. Bryant for filing a Continuation Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior application U.S. Serial No. 09/371,747, filed on August 8, 1999, now allowed.

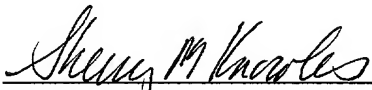
Enclosed is a copy of the prior application U.S.S.N. 09/371,747 as originally filed on August 8, 1999. The application includes fifty-one pages of Specification, five pages of Claims, one page of Abstract, and four sheets of Formal Drawings. I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of what is shown in my records to be the above-identified prior application.

Gilles Gosselin, Jean-Louis Imbach and Martin L. Bryant have assigned their interest in the application to Novirio Pharmaceuticals Limited and the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique in an assignment recorded on September 27, 1999, at Reel 010271, Frame 0725. A copy of the recorded assignment is enclosed. Also enclosed are copies of the executed Declarations for Patent Application and Powers of Attorney.

A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. Applicants request entry of the Preliminary Amendment prior to fee calculation. Pursuant to the telephone conversation with the Examiner, the claims of the continuation application closely parallel those allowed in the parent application.

Applicants enclose a check for \$3,990.00 to cover the filing fee. The Assistant Commissioner for Patents is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 11-0980.

Respectfully submitted,


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REQUEST FOR NON-PUBLICATION AND CERTIFICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

Sir:

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the above-identified application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the above-identified application not be published under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b). The above-identified application is being filed on the same date as this Request for Non-Publication.

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